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To: Kirkland Transportation Commission

From: Dave Wagar, Kirkland Senior Council and Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative member

Alex O'Reilly, Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative member

When we met with you on April 27, we were struck by the common interests that Kirkland Senior Council shares with your Commission in Kirkland-related transportation issues. As we mentioned at the time, we have found it useful to leverage our influence and expand the scope of our understanding of area transportation systems and issues through our participation in the Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative (EERC).

Now that we've had a chance to read your work plan and the "Kirkland Transportation Conversations" and "Kirkland Active Transportation Plan," it is evident your members have ideas and experiences that would benefit other communities on the East Side. We think EERC could be a useful resource to assist in your work as well.

We would like to invite you to actively join in EERC's work by sending a regular representative to our monthly meetings, the second Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall. Your joining us at this time is especially timely since we are planning to hold the fall 2011 East King Transportation Forum in Kirkland. Content for the forum is still in the discussion stage, and your representation in the planning would be helpful.